

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board  
**BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE**

June 15, 2006

**Meeting held at:**

Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room  
2150 Pan American Road  
San Diego, CA 92101

**Mailing address is:**

Balboa Park Administration  
2125 Park Boulevard MS39  
San Diego, CA 92001-4792

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present**

Laurie Burgett (Arr 6:08)  
Darlene Davies  
Vicki Granowitz  
Dan Mazzella  
Nancy Rodriguez (Arr 6:08)  
Paul Rucci  
Michael Singleton (Arr 6:08)  
Donald Steele  
Joyce Summer

**Members Absent**

Sungill Kim (Ex)  
Jeffrey Kirsch (Ex)  
Michael Stepner (Ex)

**Staff Present**

Charles Daniels  
Kathleen Hasenauer  
Gary Stromberg

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Davies called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

**REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

David Kinney, House of Hospitality Executive Director, spoke in support of the interim traffic and circulation improvements for the Plaza de Panama. The proposal facilitates valet parking as well as traffic circulation in the area. He has spoken to Derrick Cartwright, John Petersen, and Rob Sidner, who would support the plan if considered.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

No report was given.

**STAFF REPORT**

Gary Stromberg, Deputy Park and Recreation Director, said that early this morning a large flat bed truck hit the arch at the San Diego Museum of Man and crushed the concrete beams that support the pedestrian walkway over El Prado. The Cabrillo Bridge was closed to vehicular traffic until 4:30 P.M this afternoon. The

City Engineer determined that the structural integrity of the arch had not been compromised. City crews secured the site and removed the loose concrete and re-bar. Long term repairs need to be made.

Kathleen Hasenauer, Facilities/Special Events District Manager, shared the San Diego Natural History Museum media release regarding the suspension of Free Tuesdays at the San Diego Air and Space and Natural History Museums. The test program will begin in July. County residents and active duty military personnel will be granted free admission on Free Tuesdays, while all other persons will pay admission. James T. Waring, Deputy Chief, Land Use and Economic Development, authorized the suspension after a request was received from the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership. A report will be made at the end of the test period.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Consent**

101. None

#### **Adoption**

201. Interim Traffic and Circulation Improvements, Plaza de Panama

Charles Daniels introduced the item and provided a brief overview of the proposed tram stop/valet parking re-configuration. He discussed the drawing and the legend with the committee. Charlie has received input from Senior Park Ranger Casey Smith, Old Town Trolley Operations Manager, Becky Cramer, Park and Recreation Department staff and several of the institution executive directors.

The parking circulation plan recommended separate functions for pedestrian and vehicles. The proposed reconfiguration addresses those issues through the relocation of concrete planters and relocation of accessible parking spaces. Park institutions have responded favorably to the proposal.

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED, AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE INTERIM TEST TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PLAZA DE PANAMA AS PRESENTED. (RUCCI/GRANOWITZ 7-1) SINGLETON – OPPOSED.**

**MSC IT WAS MOVED/SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO REQUEST THAT STAFF CONTINUE TO PURSUE FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THAT STAFF AND THE INSTITUTIONS GATHER INFORMATION, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PROVIDE A PROGRESS REPORT AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.**

**Special Events**

301. None

**WORKSHOP ITEMS**

401. None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

501. None

**SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

601-2. The Land-Use/Strategic Planning and Policies and Operations  
None

**COMMMTTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Davies adjourned the meeting at 7:26 P.M.

**Next Regular Meeting:**

Thursday, July 6, 2006  
6:00 P.M.  
Balboa Park Club, Santa Fe Room  
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Respectfully submitted,

Gary Stromberg